News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

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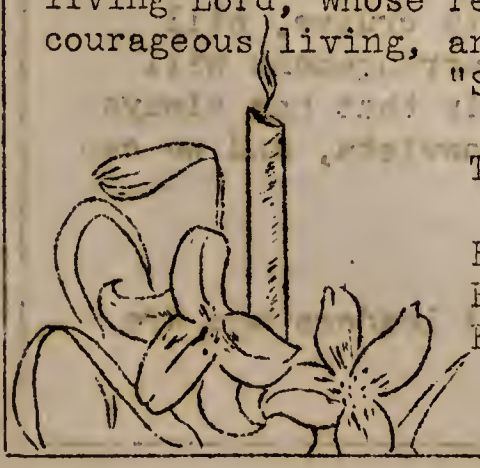
SEEKERS AT DAWN

One day last summer we visited a lovely garden just outside the ancient wall of Jerusalem. In the midst of the garden was a rock-hewn tomb - believed by many to be the very tomb from which Christ rose on that first Easter morn.

As we sat on the rustic bench facing the empty tomb, we sought to picture the events which once took place, perhaps in this very spot, and our hearts thrilled again to the wonder and meaning of the Easter story. The Marys coming sadly at dawn - the amazing message of the empty tomb - the meeting with the risen Lord - the change of the disciples from despair to hope - the whole history of the world transformed by the message that came to the Marys at the dawning of the day.

Seekers at dawn they were - seeking a dead Christ, but finding a living Lord. We, too, are seekers at dawn. Because of Easter, we of the Jesus-Way seek not a departed figure of history but a living Savior and a loving Friend. At the dawn of each day we seek Him, that His spirit might empower us and His will motivate us through all the day's activities. At the dawn of our life's work we seek Him, that He might direct our decisions and use our talents. At the dawn of a new day in the history of the world we seek Him, that His way might prevail among the nations of the earth, that out of the present darkness of unemployment, poverty, strife and warfare might come the morning light of justice, understanding brotherhood and peace.

As the dawn of Easter breaks this year, may we, like the Marys of old, find the living Lord, whose resurrection brings belief in personal immortality, power for courageous living, and faith in the ultimate triumph of goodness, truth, and love.



"Sing, soul of mine, this day of days.
The Lord is risen!
Toward the sunrising set thy face.
The Lord is risen!
Behold he giveth strength and grace;
For darkness, light; for mourning, praise;
For sin, his holiness; for conflict, peace."

-- Norman W. Clemens - (Wayseekers '23)
Pastor, First M.E. Church, Kingston, Pa.

MERROWVISTA

CAMPERS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER CHANGE OF CAMP DATES

Older Boys .... June 27 - July 11

Older Girls ... July 11 - July 25

Letters coming in to the Founder office from Merrowvista campers and leaders indicate hearty approval of the plan to put the Merrowvista senior camp dates back in the fore part of the summer. As one leader writes: "This will enable the fellows to go to camp immediately upon the close of school and then tackle a job for the remainder of the summer if they want to do so."

Change of dates will again make it possible for Merrowvista and Miniwanca campers and leaders to move back and forth between the two camps. Already campers of both camps are planning to widen their Founder contacts by spending two weeks in either Camp Merrowvista or Camp Miniwanca.

The change of dates will also make it possible for directors of the Foundation to be present in both camps. Dad, Kodaya, and Wadjepi are all looking forward to being present in both camps at Merrowvista as well as in both senior camps at Miniwanca. It is hoped that Minisino, who is now on a world cruise, will also be able to renew his visits to the Eastern camps. This arrangement will greatly increase the fellowship and close friendly relationship that has always existed between the campers and leaders of Miniwanca and Merrowvista, and we can sing with renewed emphasis -

"Fourfold campers we,
Founder campers we" -

for we are indeed all one great fellowship of young people and leaders who are striving to live our lives according to His Way.

FOUNDER CAMPERS CARRY ON (!) (?)

As they arrive at Miniwanca or Merrowvista, the very first thing a girl or fellow realizes is that the camps have been built for them. Personality is the core of the leadership-training plan - not courses of study, not the machinery of organization, not even the sponsoring overhead and faculty. In every experience of the day, each stands on his or her own feet and is measured only against the capacity of the self. You, individually and collectively, Founder-campers, dominate the equipment and program from center to circumstance. That you may discover yourself just as you are and see yourself as you may be - might be - such is the purpose of Miniwanca and Merrowvista.

To this end, the plan for development in Christian character that has been worked out through the twenty-three years is a blending of directed study and purposive play in the classroom and out-of-doors. Courses are taught by experienced leaders who are more interested in helping each individual to make good than to pass out certain subject-matter, while athletics, aquatics, campfire activities, wholesome food and sound sleep are not overlooked, the inner searchings during the daily quiet hour, breakfast devotions, and "Hillside," plus the Sunday services, revealing the possibilities of power.

Who says the Founder-campers are carrying on?

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"From my observation the above statement regarding the philosophy and procedure at Camp Merrowvista paints a true picture.

"Most young people returning from Merrowvista tell what a wonderful experience they have had. They speak of this first from a general point of view; namely the good, wholesome, varied program with congenial campers and inspiring instructors. Their next comment often refers to the spiritual contribution of the camp. This usually emphasizes some personal weakness rather than their strong points. To some, this revelation is disheartening; but to the majority it is a challenge which they accept with enthusiasm and courage. The greater possibilities of personal development so overshadow the satisfactions from present or past achievement that a Founder camper seems to be inspired to look ahead and up ... instead of backwards and down.

"Another testimonial of the success of the program is that the campers always aspire to return even though circumstances may prevent their doing so."

-- C. B. Wadleigh,
State Club Leader,
Co-operative Ext. Work, New Hampshire

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"The American Youth Foundation has an excellent program for the development of a full Christian personality. Get the youth of this country to follow and fight for the ideals of this program and we would have the solution for a great many of our economic, social and moral problems, in the next generation."

-- O. L. Savage, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Coleman, Texas.

"Camp Miniwanca is a power that the world will reckon with. Its influence on the lives of young men and women who attend this camp is the most powerful thing that has ever come under my observation.

"What effect does it have on the youth? When I think of this, I am reminded of the function that sugar performs for coffee or tea ... it sweetens the beverage. This effect has come under my observation time and time again.

"You supply the necessary ingredients to make these young men and women outstanding young men and women ... leaders in their communities. If the work your camp is doing could be multiplied many-fold throughout our nation, this old world would soon be redeemed and its chaos be transformed into order and peace.

"I like to think of Elbert Hubbard's remark along this line when he said, 'One great, big, unselfish soul in every community will soon redeem the world.' Communities all through our land need leaders whose lips have been touched with the coals from the altar. The Founder Camps supply these needed ingredients."

-- J. Kindleberger, President,
Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.,
Parchment, Michigan

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"As President of what is commonly recognized as the world's largest Kiwanis Club, the Downtown Club of St. Louis, I want to say that I most enthusiastically endorse and personally believe in the type of Christian leadership training for youth as offered in the American Youth Foundation Camps.

"Two years ago, Downtown Kiwanis Club made a study of the youth situation of our city and we discovered that the greatest need of youth organizations is leadership. We found many fine, outstanding young fellows struggling with groups of younger boys, doing the very best they knew how, but lacking adequate training to enable them to do an efficient and constructive piece of work. We saw in this situation a great opportunity for service and we decided then and there to sponsor a program of leadership training for youth organizations of our city.

"The American Youth Foundation Camps were chosen as the training centers through which we would clear this activity. Two years ago, twenty-three fellows were sent to Camp Miniwanca, and last summer, twenty-five outstanding young leaders received training at the American Youth Foundation camp in Michigan.

"Our Kiwanians have been delighted with the results and we're going to do it again and yet again. We have followed these young fellows upon their return and find that they are doing a most constructive piece of work with the groups which they are serving as volunteer leaders. I heartily commend this project to any civic group of men or women who are anxious to provide trained leadership for the younger boys in their respective communities."

-- Will Doctor, President
Downtown Kiwanis Club,
St. Louis, Missouri

- CAMP MINIWANCA DATES -

Older Girls ..... August 2-15

Older Boys ..... August 16-29

Miniwanca campers and leaders! If your registration isn't already in, better mail it at once. Reservations are coming in fast. Believe it or not, twenty-seven (27) registrations recently arrived in the Founder office in two days' mail. Places are certainly filling up. Leaders and campers who have prospects to recommend for the camps of the coming summer, should send in their names promptly. We shall be glad to send a personal invitation and camp folder to your friends.

LEADERS

who are planning to be at Merrowvista or Miniwanca, should send in their reservations without waiting for a special invitation. Wadjepi and the other directors are looking forward to seeing many of you at Danhole and on the sand dunes. Once you have served as a leader, you are eligible to return. All you have to do is write in and say the word and we will reserve your place. Why not make it this year - return to the Founder camps for two weeks of real happiness and spiritual refreshment.

WADJEPI HAD THE FINE FUN

of meeting large groups of Founder campers and leaders in Philadelphia and New York on the occasion of his last trip East. In Philadelphia, Grace Letson was the promoter of the get-together and did a wonderful piece of work. Some thirty campers and leaders and friends assembled in the Y.M.C.A. for a little "feed" and to chat about camp days and see pictures of the Founder camps. We are looking forward to a fine delegation of campers this year from the Philadelphia area.

In New York City, Sam Waymer was the generalissimo in charge of arrangements and on short notice did some good promotion work. Again there were some thirty campers and leaders and friends from New York and points in northern New Jersey present. The New York contigent is anxious to do a constructive piece of promotion for Merrowvista this year and have been writing to the Founder office for suggestions as to how they can serve in that area. Wadjepi is following up with the New York bunch on this big meeting and is looking forward to a renewal of the contacts on his next trip East this Spring.

DATES OF THE YOUNGER GIRLS' and PRE-SENIOR CAMPS at MINIWANCA

Girls - 11-15 years of age	Pre-Seniors - 15, 16 & 17* years of age
6 weeks ... June 22 - August 1	6 weeks ... June 22 - August 1
4 weeks ... June 22 - July 18	4 weeks ... June 22 - July 18

*Seventeen year old Pre-Senior campers are eligible for the Older Girls' Camp - August 2-15. This year the Younger Girls' Camp at Miniwanca will be in its twelfth season. The camp was filled to capacity last summer. If you or your friends have Younger or Pre-Senior Girl prospects whom you would like to have the great fun of a camping experience at Miniwanca, send us the parents' and girls' names and addresses and we shall be glad to write and send literature.

BIG "COME-BACK" YEAR AT MERROWVISTA

Big things are happening in the Merrowvista Division and this is to be a real old-fashioned "COME-BACK" YEAR for campers and leaders in our lovely mountain camp in New Hampshire. We slipped last year - quite a bit - but we are all putting our non-skid tires on for 1937 and everybody is looking forward to one of the most successful summer camps that we have had in the history of the Foundation.

To do this means that every loyal Founder camper and leader must put his or her shoulder to the wheel - and hard!! This is not a big job because in the last analysis it just means a quiet contacting of outstanding young people for leadership training. Too many of our campers and leaders miss out on the fine privilege of sharing in the selection of the fellows and girls who are to receive Christian leadership training in the Founder Camps. Why do we do this? The biggest kind of a thrill awaits you when you seriously tackle the job of lining up at least one choice older fellow or girl for the Founder Camps. There's the boy next door, the girl down the street a ways, or in your church, or a leader of a Hi-Y club or Girl Reserve group, and there are organizations that most all of us are identified with that should be represented annually in the Founder Camps. Why not get serious about this matter of discovering leadership material and make a concentrated drive this Spring on this piece of service for youth?

Mr. and Miss Procrastination will read this article and decide that it is meant for someone else, but the writer assures YOU that it is written directly and squarely for YOU! Now if we are worth anything at all as Founders, let's get to work at once on this job. We are setting for this year a quota of 100 girls in the Older Girls' Camp and 75 older fellows for the Older Boys' Camp at Merrowvista, and I'll just double dare every Merrowvista camper and leader to help us achieve these goals. What do you say?

Write me for details and I'll help you work out a plan for your own community.

-- Wadjepi - P. G. Orwig

YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS ... BUT IT'S TRUE!

Yowsah! and again Yowsah!!! When you come to Merrowvista this summer, believe it or not ... BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... you are going to sleep on brand-new seventeen pound, tufted, slab-sided, cotton-felt mattresses! We are hoping that "pennies from Heaven" or some source or other will rain down upon us and enable us to gather sufficient funds to pay the bill for this important improvement at Camp Merrowvista. But regardless of the "pennies from Heaven" - count on a brand-new mattress for your downy little cot, and boy, oh boy, "will we eat .. and will we sleep, oh boy, I'll tell the world we'll have them all dead beat!"

RUSH IN YOUR CAMP REGISTRATION RIGHT AWAY and we will put a tag on YOUR mattress!

WHEN YOU HAVE RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY

after reading the above about the mattresses, draw a deep breath, get up and fan yourself, and go on out right away and talk turkey to your best camp prospect ... for the time to act is NOW!

MERROWVISTA LEADERS ON THE JOB!

"You can depend on a delegation of at least five older fellows from the ORANGES (N.J.) for this summer at Merrowvista." -- Al Gremse

"I'm pulling for a delegation from FLEMINGTON (N.J.) this year."
-- "Rosie" Steinhauer

"You can depend on a delegation from "PENNSY" this summer at Merrowvista."
-- E. H. Bonsall, Jr.

"We always have had someone at Merrowvista, and we expect to this year also."
-- Lyndon S. Beardslee - WESTBORO (Mass.)

"You can depend on a delegation from DEDHAM (Mass.) this summer at Merrowvista."
--"Adi-Tuso" (Earl Alban)

"During the past twelve years there have been MALDEN (Mass.) young people in the Merrowvista Camps every year. We expect to have some there this coming summer."
-- Alice Hale Baker

"You can depend upon a delegation from PHILADELPHIA this summer at Merrowvista."
-- Ella May Collins

"I shall make every effort to have some young people from WINSTED (Conn.) at Merrowvista this summer. Cross my heart!! -- Grace Lee

"You can depend on a delegation from SPRINGFIELD (Mass.) this summer."
-- "Tote" and Dick Hunt

"I hope to have some of our WORCESTER (Mass.) young people at Camp Merrowvista next summer." -- John Brett Fort

"You can depend on a delegation from NEPTUNE (N.J.) this summer at Merrowvista
-- "Capt." Adams

"You surely can depend on a delegation from GLOUCESTER COUNTY (N.J.) this summer at Merrowvista. -- "Ma" Watson

"You can depend on a delegation from TITUSVILLE (N.J.) this summer."
-- Eleanor Marker

"You can depend on a delegation from RIDGEWOOD (N.J.) this summer - Older Girls."
-- "Buddy" Howard Woltman

"You can depend on a delegation from EAST CRAFTSBURY and VERMONT this summer at Merrowvista. We have organized a Founders' Club up here. Will not only sponsor a delegation but will send a camper or two to camp. President - John Howe; Vice-President - Lin Hodgdon; Sec'y - Ruth Searles; Treasurer - Gerry Kimball."
-- "Herb" Schulze

"You can count on a delegation from DOVER (Del.) at Merrowvista." -- Dave Green

THE NEW WISCONSIN LOG CLASS-CABIN

One of the finest projects ever undertaken by a state Founder group is that of the Wisconsin campers and leaders who are planning this Spring to erect an attractive log class-cabin on the ridge overlooking the Pottawotamie Trail. This project is under the leadership of Mr. Harry L. Ferris, father of Founder Betty Ferris, of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Pledges, cash contributions and gifts of mill work, roofing material and lumber assure the erection of the building this Spring.

Builder Rudolph Burmeister has been ordered to go ahead with the job. A truck load of supplies will swing around the lake from Wisconsin some time within the next two weeks and it is possible that some stones from Wisconsin will be in the load so that a portion of the fireplace will be built of Wisconsin rock.

A sister-in-law of Mr. Ferris, Mrs. H. H. Ferris of Hartford, Wisconsin, has been engaged to paint the Wisconsin mural for the classhouse. Mrs. Ferris is an experienced artist and has done considerable work in this field.

The Wisconsin Cabin will be dedicated this summer when the senior camps are in session. This is the third log classhouse to be erected at Camp Miniwanca since the close of last summer's camp.

DON'T FAIL TO GET IN ON THE TREASURE HUNT

"I CERTAINLY WANT A PART IN RAISING THAT SCHOLARSHIP FUND."

Please Founder campers and leaders, remember that this is the one opportunity you have throughout the entire year to have a part in the securing of scholarship funds to be made available to worthy campers for this coming summer's camps. You have received your envelope and a letter telling you all about the Treasure Hunt. If you have not yet started to collect your dimes, please, please, please, PLEASE do it right away. Many campers and leaders have chosen to send their money in right away and do the collecting afterwards. That isn't a bad idea. Don't put this off because the money is needed badly and no Founder would want to miss out on the chance to render this fine service to the Founder Fellowship.

BIG REUNION AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 1938

The summer of 1938 we will celebrate at Miniwanca and Merrowvista the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Founders' Christian Leadership Training Camp-Conferences. Big plans are under way for making this a real celebration. It is proposed that an entire week be set aside between the senior camps for the purpose of bringing back to the Founder Camps for reunion and fellowship and renewed inspiration, campers and leaders, and their husbands and wives, who have in any way been identified with the Founder Camp-Conferences during the past twenty-five years.

A special program is being planned. There will be lots of opportunity for recreation and rest and relaxation. Campers and leaders should plan right now for the big celebration. More about this later on.

MINIWANCA YOUNGER and PRE-SENIOR BOYS' CAMP DATES

Boys - 11-15 years of age	Pre-Seniors - 15, 16, & 17 years of age
6 weeks ... June 21 - August 1	8 weeks ... June 21 - August 15
4 weeks ... June 21 - July 18	6 weeks ... June 21 - August 1
	4 weeks ... June 21 - July 18

PRE-SENIOR

is the name given to the Founder camping units for boys 15, 16, and 17 years of age. Forty boys will be accepted for the Pre-Senior Unit for this coming summer at Camp Miniwanca. Thirty-eight boys were enrolled in this unit in the 1936 camp.

Pre-Senior boys have a wide range of choice in the length of time that they are privileged to camp. They may register for four, six, eight or ten weeks. Pre-Seniors who are 17 years of age are privileged to attend the senior leadership training camp the last two weeks of August and they will want to combine their camping in the Pre-Senior Unit with this Older Boys' Leadership Training Camp period - August 16-29.

The Pre-Senior Camp offers an unusually fine camping opportunity for boys of the above ages. Four boys live in a large tent with a college man leader. The Pre-Seniors have special practice in leadership of younger boys. Every day the Pre-Senior fellows referee and umpire group games of the younger boy campers. This is done under the direction of the Physical Director of the Junior Camps.

Last summer the Pre-Senior boys did a great piece of work in erecting a telephone line between the Stony Lake and Lake Michigan units of the Founder Camp at Miniwanca. They also helped to build the unique "Four-Way Lodge" which was erected last summer in the Pre-Senior Camp. This lodge is teepee shaped with a fireplace in the center and four windows in the sloping roof. There is a smoke hole at the top of the building so that on damp and rainy evenings the boys can hold their council circle indoors around the fire. Among other projects that the Pre-Seniors will tackle this summer is that of building an Adirondack overnight shack on one of the high dunes in the camp.

All campers and leaders are urged to have a part in selecting the campers who will comprise the Pre-Senior Camp for the coming summer. Send in at once the names and addresses of the boys you want to recommend and we will contact them directly and see that literature is sent them and their parents. Be sure to attend to this before it escapes your notice.

YOUNGER BOYS

With the building of the new Eating Lodge this Spring in the Younger Boys' Camp it will be possible to slightly increase the enrollment in the eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen year units of the Younger Boys' Camp. Since the boys will not have to hike across the trail to the main unit for their meals, parents of younger boy campers may be assured that the boys will have more time for camping activities and their energy will be greatly conserved for the normal activities of the camp. This also will permit the acceptance of a limited number of boys, 10½ years of age, for the "Pee-Wee" Unit of the Younger Boys' Camp.

Old campers should remember that they receive a commission for every younger boy or girl camper that they are responsible for signing up for four or six weeks of camp. Get to work right away and start to get some of these commissions to your credit.

INDIANAPOLIS YOUTH WEEK

At the First Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Horace conducted, in January, the church's Third Annual Youth Week. She reports a fine week of personal interviews with the young people of the church and of conferences with the youth leaders. Mabel Guttery, a former camper, was at that time celebrating her tenth anniversary as Director of Religious Education of the church. During the week, the Indianapolis campers had an evening of fun at the home of Mary Alice Belton. (By the way, Mary Alice, we're looking for you and Nadine Fry and the rest of the crowd to be back at Miniwanca this summer.) The Youth Week plan is a very unique type of service rendered local churches and schools by the Foundation Directors. If you are interested, write for information.

HORACE LEFT THE FOUNDER OFFICE

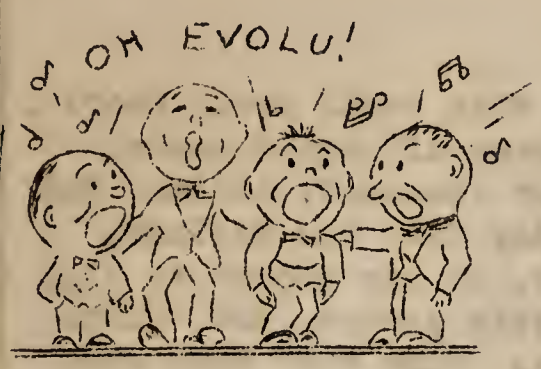
on February 19, for a six weeks' camp promotion trip. She went first to Lexington, Kentucky, for their annual Founder banquet on February 20, and from there to Berea, Kentucky, for a camper get-together. She is visiting several points in West Virginia, then Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, and many centers in New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts.

THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE FOUNDER FAMILY

is the Merrowvista Younger Girls' Camp to be held for four weeks this coming summer, July 26 to August 22. This announcement will be welcome news to Eastern parents campers, and leaders, who for so many years have been boosters of the Senior Leadership Training Camps at Merrowvista.

The program of the camp will be built upon the many years of experience by the Foundation Directors, particularly the eleven years in the Michigan Younger Girls' Camp. It will be a recreational camp, with a definite Christian emphasis and a four-fold program. It's going to be great fun for the 24 to 30 girls of 11-15 years of age, who will blaze trails in the new unit this summer. You Merrowvista folks who have younger sisters ... here's your chance to give them a taste of Founder camping. And we suggest that you begin right now to tell your church, school, and business friends about this camp. You will not only be helping the American Youth Foundation, but you will be rendering a real service to girls and their parents. Here are some facts you will want to give your friends about the 1937 Merrowvista Younger Girls' Camp:

1. CAMP DATES - 4 weeks, July 26 to August 22. A very delightful time for camping in New England.
2. MERROWVISTA IS NOT "JUST ANOTHER CAMP." Tell your friends briefly about the Foundation and its Directors ... twenty-three years of experience in Christian leadership training and character education camping ... a year-round organization rendering year-round service in this field ... balanced four-fold living ... a recreational-instructional program with distinctly Christian emphasis.
3. THERE WILL BE ONE LEADER TO EVERY FOUR CAMPERS. These leaders will be graduates and campers of the Founder senior camps.
4. THE CAMP FEE IS $100.00. Many privately owned recreation camps charge two and three times that much for a similar period and do not offer a four-fold character building program. A 10% discount is allowed for two children from one family, and a 25% discount to parents in religious work.



NORTH JERSEY FOUNDERS ORGANIZE

A.Y.F. campers of North Jersey have organized a club and named themselves the "Baboons." They are making plans to capture the State Shield again this year. Al Gremse, the original Baboon, is the adviser of the group. The following were elected officers for the year: President - John Black; Sec'y - Jim Moffatt; Treasurer - Neil Buie; Vice-Presidents in charge of Activities - Bob Sidner, Bill Daum; and Bill Rankin, Vice-President in charge of membership.

Here is a tip as to how the Baboons raised some money for their club. They contacted another camper, Lin Hodgdon of Chelsea, Vermont, who had some maple syrup to sell. Lin shipped some of the syrup to East Orange, N. J., the Baboons put it up in pints, labeled, and sold it. Perhaps other camp groups would like to try this in order to raise money for camp.

KODAYA

recently completed a very resultful schedule with some fine talks to students in colleges in Missouri and Wisconsin, going on to East Lansing and nearby points, and winding up his tour on Sunday, January 31, in Columbus, Ohio, in the big First Community Church with our good friend, Dr. Roy Burkhart, who had such a splendid group of young people in the senior camps at Miniwanca last summer. Kodaya will be teaching the second semester at Boston University and is also looking forward to contacting the Founder groups in the Merrowvista area.

Some idea as to how Kodaya's addresses in the colleges were received may be had from the following written by the President of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin.

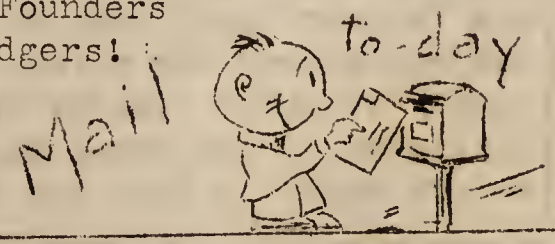
"We thank you for introducing Dr. Warmingham to Ripon College. We should like to have a visit from him at least once a year. His philosophy fits our tradition and finds a place in the hearts of faculty and students, inspiring high desires for principles above property, character rather than cash, and the reality and worth of things unseen. His impressive physique, his fine command of language, and his high ideals are evidences of a wonderfully well balanced life."

AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

many campers and leaders met with Kodaya. Among those at one gathering were Caryl Morse, Margaret ("Cockie") Cockrell, Marion Hart, Maryon Schuetz, Frances Doudna, Helen Statz O'Brien, Evelyn Schmidt, Bernice Douglas Goff and her nice husband, Warren Bailey, George Icke, Stanley Johnson, "Zade" Westcott, Eileen Cannon, and Betty Young.

KENOSHA

also had a fine turn-out for Kodaya with "Saxie" Palmer, Mildred Vanderhoof, Ward Perrin, Georgiana Cook, Mary Austin, Herbert Shippee, Gladys Palmer Judd, Florence Bisbee, Margaret Parmentier, Ethel Mae Krueger, and Leone Schuessler present. We are hoping to see many of these Wisconsin Founders and their friends at Miniwanca next summer. Come on, Badgers!

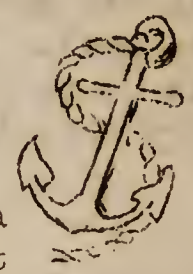


MARCH! - Last call to join the Camp Savings Club!!

DAD WAITE

has been spending the past few weeks in Michigan, working with rural young people, especially with Future Farmer Clubs, and speaking in a number of High Schools. So far he has visited Dundee, Lakeview, Vermontville, Mount Pleasant, Adrian, Bad Axe, Haslett, Coldwater, Ionia, Shelby, Fremont, Oxford, Bay City and Saginaw. Besides counseling young people in the various communities, he has spoken to High School assemblies, Future Farmer groups, service clubs, civic groups, and church gatherings. Dad was given a warm reception by old campers. Once they have been in camp, they keep an open heart for Founder friends! We hope to welcome a fine Michigan delegation next summer at Miniwanca.

ANCHORS AWEIGH! MINISINO GOES AROUND THE WORLD!



On January 19, William H. Danforth, known to Founders far and wide as "Minisino" - started on a great adventure - a long, long anticipated trip around the world. Aboard the "Stella Polaris" - to Havana, over to Panama and thru the Canal; then to the South Seas, stopping at all the fascinating islands of song and story; skirting the top of Australia to touch Bali, Java, Sumatra, and on to Singapore and India; next Africa - around the Cape of Good Hope, up to St. Helena, Gibraltar, turbulent Spain; on to England for the Coronation, and back home!!!

Minisino is a long way from us now, but still he is with us. Every letter that comes across the seas from him tells of the delightful contacts he is making and the fascinating things he is seeing but ALSO of his keen interest in his friends back home and their progress. In a message written aboard the Stella Polaris he says: "Just as 1937 brings me the opportunity to do something that I've never quite been able to do before, so it will bring to each of you new opportunities. As this has grown to be my biggest year, I'm eager for it to grow into your biggest year. I'm going to ask you to pick out some one biggest ACHIEVEMENT that you have never done before - some goal that challenges your best, and start on your program of accomplishment."

We shall all be eager to welcome Minisino home and to hear about his thrilling trip. Minisino, we are sure, will be eager to see and hear of our progress. Let's have a great report for him and show him his Founder friends have been "going places" too! Minisino's mailing address is as follows. NOTE POSTAGE REQUIRED.

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A "GRAILERS" GRADUATE '17

will have the distinction of being the first Founder camper to have three boys in the Younger Boys' Camp at Miniwanca. Gladys Wise Chandler of Wheaton, Illinois, has registered her three fine sons - Douglas, Hewitt, and Malcolm for 1937. A number of other Founder graduates have registered young sons and daughters in the Miniwanca junior camps and now that we have a Younger Girls' Camp at Merrowvista we are eager to have the children of Eastern alumni benefit by Founder camping.

- CHAT SHEET -

..... NEWS about FOUNDERS everywhere .....

Fred Barr (Enamiads '36) and Dick Frech (another Enamiad) are members of Miami University Glee Club. Remember Fred singing "My Wild Irish Rose" at the O.B. sing last summer at Miniwanca?

HERE YOU ARE - WOOD COLLECTORS! William Parker (Challengers '36) of Stratham, N.H., is a collector of woods. He wants to swap a wood collection from his section of the country for a collection from areas in other parts of the United States. If any of you campers or leaders from the Mid-West, far West, South, or Southwest want to swap wood collections with Bill, just drop him a note direct. Does anyone have anything else he wants to swap?

Marvin Porch (Ossipee grad '25) is assistant principal of Haverford Township Jr. High School at Upper Darby, Pa., where he has been for seven years. Marvin gives much time to football (is an official) church work, alumni work at Temple University and work in Phi Delta Kappa national professional and honorary fraternity.

Dayton, Ohio Older Boys and their prospect friends had a great get-together at the Giele's lovely home - "Wild Acres." Hats off to Carl Lohrey and Bob Balskey for their good work, and a big vote of thanks to the Gieles for their hospitality.

Roger Ganfield (Tawatenya '36) is a member of the Camp Savings Club and is looking forward to a big time at Miniwanca next summer. Rog is on the swimming team at Hamline University - and their coach is non other than Don Wilson (Flames grad'35) Their old rival - Macalester College, has a Founder on its team, too - one James Bell (Angeda '36). Go to it, boys, and show them the ol' Founder spirit!

The article on the title page is by Rev. Norman Clemens, a member of the Wayseekers class, graduating in '23. He is pastor of First M. E. Church of Kingston, Pa., and outstanding in the ministerial field. Norman says: "I am continually grateful for the influence of camp and the inspiration and challenge of my work in the ministry which comes out of my camp experience. It has been of inestimable value to me."

Ralph R. Bentley (Miniwanca leader '36) resigned his position as Instructor of Vocational Agriculture at Mapleton, Iowa, on January 8, to accept the position of Assistant Professor of Education and teacher trainer at South Dakota State College, Brookings, S. D.

"Dick" Leonard, Merrowvista and Miniwanca leader, was married last May to Miss Katheryn A. Campbell of Chicago and is living at 5800 Maryland Avenue, in that city. Dick is at the University of Chicago working toward his Ph.D. in American religious history, and is also doing research in his chosen field.

Dave Sellers (Enamiads '36) high point man in diving at O.B. Miniwanca, recently won diving honors in a Dayton, Ohio Y.M.C.A. meet.

Albert Adams (Makwa '33) is teaching science and coaching basketball at Bridgeville, Delaware. Attendance at summer school will probably prevent "Baldy" from returning to Merrowvista this summer.

Vernon Carrow (Kinji '35) is in his second year of forestry school at Pennsylvania State.

- CHAT SHEET -

..... NEWS about FOUNDERS everywhere .....

HERE'S GOING TO TOWN! "Three cheers! It looks like I'll be in camp this summer. I landed an early morning paper route. I have to get up at 4:45, but it's good for me as I get to bed earlier." -- Richard Cave (Enamiad '36)

Some of the boys and girls from Delaware who attended Merrowvista have formed a "Delavista" Campers Club and elected William Clements President and Virginia Banning - Secretary-Treasurer. These campers gave a report of their camp experiences before the Dover (Del.) Rotary Club. As a result of this and visits by Dad Waite and Kicica, the Rotary expects to give a whole or part scholarship to Merrowvista this summer. Fine work, Delavistas!

Ralph (Enamiad '36) and John Lohrey (Tawatenya '35) play on Dayton, Ohio Y.M.C.A. volley ball team - traveling over the state in tournaments. All three Lohreys are members of Dayton Y.M.C.A."Leaders Class."

Dayton, Ohio, girl campers are busy, too. On December 29, they had a taffy pull. They had a good group and everyone reports a fine Founder get-together.

As far as we have heard, our Louisville Founders are safe and sound after the flood, although neighboring Jeffersonville, Indiana, Founders suffered severe property losses. The Louisville banquet was, of course, postponed. There will probably be a get-together some time in April or May.

Little Patricia Maxine Miller arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller ("Steevie") of Elmira, New York, on December 31. Patricia's mother - Edna Stephenson, graduated at Merrowvista in 1930.

Jack Emory (Minoway '35) is attending Van Rensselaer Tech. at Troy, N. Y., and Clayton Boggs (Minoway '35) is at a prep. school in Washington, D. C.

Eleanor Marker's little daughter, Virginia, has been in the hospital but is coming along fine. We all hope that she will soon be real well and strong. Her older sister, Ruth Patricia, has the distinction of being the FIRST YOUNGER GIRL CAMPER registered for the 1937 camp at Merrowvista.

Mrs. M. E. Blair, Merrowvista leader from New Hampshire, says there will probably be a delegation from West Epping at Merrowvista this summer, but this word reached us a bit too late to be put on the Merrowvista leaders' page. We shall certainly look for those campers, though!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duffield of Mullica Hill, N. J. welcomed a little son in their home - December 12 last. Name - Charles Purton. Daddy Arthur was a Juniper '36.

"George and I have two sons to join the ranks: Robert, born Oct. 6, 1935, and Richard who arrived last November 23. Incidently, they're both red-heads!" -- So writes "Torchy" Lytle Albertson (Miniwanca grad '26), who now lives at 25 Montclair Avenue, Nutley, N. J. There's a prospective camper in sister Kathryn's family, too, - little Patricia, now nineteen months old. Kathryn (Hillsider '33) is Mrs. Donald L. Prior of 10 Heminway Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

DON'T FORGET THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND - EVERY DIME COUNTS!

WHERE ARE THESE CAMP-GRADUATES ?

You may know and therefore can help us. Won't you, individually, fill in the address of all of them you are in touch with and return this page to the St. Louis office? Please! OH PLEASE!! don't take it for granted that two or three others will give us the single address you know. Be responsible for that one yourself! Here's banking on you!!!

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